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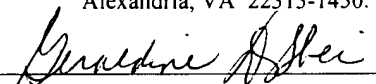
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified application.

This request is made in response to the final rejection mailed April 23, 2003 (Paper No. 13) setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring July 23, 2003. The period for response is extended three months to October 23, 2003, pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) submitted herewith. This Request for Continued Examination is therefore timely filed.

Accompanying this request is an Amendment and Response in reply to the final rejection. Entry of the Amendment and consideration of the remarks are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$770 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0091. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

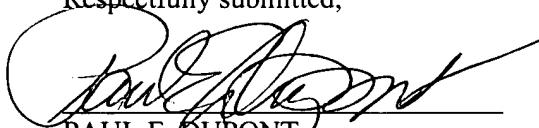
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